



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9406**
Hisashi INOUE et al. : Docket No. 2000_1451A
Serial No. 09/716,221 : Group Art Unit 2136
Filed November 21, 2000 : Examiner P. Parthasarathy

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING
INFORMATION FOR TAMPER DETECTION AND
DETECTING TAMPER AND RECORDING
MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAM FOR CARRYING
OUT THE METHOD RECORDED THEREON

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 6, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire August 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: